

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A handheld defense weapon, comprising:

a first hand grip portion extending along a first direction and comprising a first spike fitted at a first end of the first hand grip portion, and a second spike provided at a second end of the first hand grip portion, the first and second spikes facing in the same direction; and

a third spike at the first end of the first hand grip portion, extending in an opposite direction from the first spike, wherein the first and third spikes form a second hand grip portion extending only along a second direction generally perpendicular to the first direction.

2. (previously presented) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, further comprising at least one finger ridge extending between the first and second spikes.

3. (previously presented) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein the first hand grip portion is slightly curved in compliance with an individual's fist anatomy.

4. (previously presented) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein the distance between the first spike and second spike is fitted to the size of an individual's fist.
5. (previously presented) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein the spikes extend beyond fisted fingers of an individual gripping the weapon about the first hand grip portion.
6. (previously presented) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 5, wherein the spikes are at least 3 centimeters long.
7. (previously presented) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein at a gripped position the first and second spikes project beyond an individual's fingers at a fisted position.
8. (previously presented) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein an extended index finger ridge in the form of a fourth spike, faces in the same direction as the first and second spikes.
9. (previously presented) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 8, wherein the fourth spike is slightly shorter than the first and second spikes.

10. (previously presented) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 8, wherein the length of the fourth spike projects beyond the width of an index finger, when the weapon is gripped about the first and third spikes.

11. (previously presented) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein the first end is fitted with a bulging portion, whereby when the weapon is gripped the bulging portion laterally projects from a fist.

12. (previously presented) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, further comprising a fifth spike fitted at either the first end or the second end of the first hand grip portion, whereby when the handheld defense weapon is gripped the fifth spike laterally projects from a fist.

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15. (currently amended) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, further comprising a coat ~~adapted sufficient~~ configured to ~~disguise~~ cover the handheld defense weapon.

16. (currently amended) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~
further comprising a key ring is attachable thereto.
17. (previously presented) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, further
comprising a utility tool, wherein the first hand grip portion is fitted with the utility tool.
18. (currently amended) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1,
comprising a power source and an activating mechanism fitted in the first hand grip portion,
the activating mechanism configured ~~sufficient~~ to illuminate a light emitting element
integrated with the handheld defense weapon.
19. (currently amended) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein
the first hand grip portion is fitted with a compartment containing a selectively
dischargeable irritating material.
20. (previously presented) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 19,
wherein the irritating material is a tear gas.
21. (previously presented) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, further
comprising an audible alert generating module, wherein the first hand grip portion is fitted
with the audible alert generating module.

22. (previously presented) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 21, wherein the audible alert generating module is a gas discharge horn.
23. (previously presented) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 22, wherein the horn is activated by discharge of an irritating gas.
24. (previously presented) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein at least the first hand grip portion further comprises padding.
25. (previously presented) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, further comprising a blow-whistle, wherein the blow-whistle is integrated into the weapon.
26. (previously presented) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, whereby the handheld defense weapon is made from a non-rigid material.
27. (previously presented) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, further comprising a wrist strap.
28. (currently amended) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, ~~whereby~~ wherein the handheld defense weapon ~~serves as~~ is a handle ~~for~~ of an elongated object.

29. (previously presented) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 28, wherein the elongated object is a metal detecting device.

30. (currently amended) The handheld defense weapon according to ~~claim 26~~ claim 28, wherein the elongated object is a retractable baton.

31. (previously presented) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, further comprising a cover adapted to snugly fit the handheld defense weapon, the cover being replaceable.

32. (currently amended) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, ~~configured sufficient to be used as~~ wherein the handheld defense weapon comprises a bag carrier, wherein a bag ~~[[is]]~~ being suspended from the handheld defense weapon by hanging handles of the bag on the first and second spikes.

33. (previously presented) The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein the first hand grip portion is fitted with a belt clip.

34. (previously presented) A kit comprising:
a handheld defense weapon, comprising

a first hand grip portion extending along a first direction and comprising a first spike fitted at a first end of the first hand grip portion, and a second spike provided at a second end of the first hand grip portion, the first and second spikes facing in the same direction; and

a third spike provided at the first end of the first hand grip portion, extending in an opposite direction from the first spike, wherein the first and third spikes form a second hand grip portion extending only along a second direction generally perpendicular to the first direction; and

an instruction manual including instructions teaching how to use the handheld defense weapon.

35. (previously presented) The kit according to claim 34, wherein the instructions manual is an illustrated publication.

36. (previously presented) The kit according to claim 34, wherein the instructions manual is a digital carrying medium.